
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior
to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

Mary Alice Mawer, pianist
Jeannie Sturgeon, liturgist

(Image on cover: Arrow of Rocks on the Camino de Santiago.
Photo by Elliott Jones Boyle)

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
arr. Mary McDonald

CALL to WORSHIP

**All: O God, our creator –
the source of life and all we have and all we are –
We are aware of your grace and generosity
always at work in our lives.
We gather in worship to recognize our need
to be here for renewal and refreshment.**

**We gather to thank you for our diversity
and our unity, and for the good news
that has transformed our lives and
you have given us to share;
and we praise you for trusting us to do this work.**

**Our gratitude is so great it can only be
contained by two words –
Thank you.**

HYMN – "O Beauty Ever Ancient"

#650

**O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
divine and Holy Presence, my being sings to you,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty in creation, in world of sound and sight,
O beauty in the silence, in darkness as in light,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty that is movement in liquid line of grace,
O beauty that is stillness in lovely form or face,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

**O beauty of the Spirit where love is shining through,
O beauty ever ancient, O beauty ever new,
in gratitude, in worship my being sings to you!**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

One: Lord, when we fear poverty,
All: help us to trust in your abundant life.

When we fear rejection,
help us to know our value and worth deep within us.

When we fear hunger and thirst,
**help us to give thanks for the bread
and cup before us each day.**

When we fear solitude,
help us to reach out in love to others in need.

And when we fear our own pain and death,
**help us to reach out in our need
for the sustenance of others.**

**Holy Lord, Forgive us our fears,
help us return to the ways of your grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

There is no pain that Jesus cannot heal.
There is no wrong that Christ cannot forgive.
Immerse yourselves in the healing waters
of God's forgiveness.
Feast at the table of the Beloved Community.
Let God make you whole.
**Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen!**

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rhonda Krehbiel

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Jesus, in the Spirit of Pentecost,
you always come to us.
Whatever point we may find ourselves,
you are always waiting for us.
Open our hearts to what you want us to hear
in your Word today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Impossible Journey: God's Fingerprints"
Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

HYMN – "Take My Life (vs. 1-4, 6)"

#697

**Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing always,
only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my love; my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING

"Blest Are They"
arr. Charles Lenz

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PRAYER of DEDICATION

HYMN – "God of the Fertile Fields"

#714

**God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.**

**We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.**

As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.

God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

BLESSING

Let us emerge from this time of worship
to engage the ministry to which God calls us.
We will travel lightly,
for we carry all that we need from the Lord.
We will notice Christ's presence in simple,
everyday experiences.
Whenever opportunity arises,
we will labor in love for the good of all.
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker!"
Friedrich Wilhelm Markull

The flowers on the communion table are given by Cornelia Browne, honoring many friends and family members who are celebrating August birthdays. You know who you are.

Congregational Concerns

Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, Rodger Cromer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

MINISTRY NEWS:

Summer Small Group Book Discussion

"I'll Push You" is an inspirational exploration of the true meaning of friendship and generosity. It is the story of Justin and Patrick, two friends who embark on an 'Impossible Journey' when Patrick agrees to push his lifelong best friend Justin in a wheelchair across the 500-mile pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.

Join us for a fellowship-oriented discussion on the book **today - Sunday, August 9** at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

**Special Meeting of Congregational
to Elect the Nominating Committee**

On the third Sunday of August, the Oxford Presbyterian Church Session traditionally calls a Special Meeting of the Congregation to elect the Nominating Committee. This year the Special Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, August 16 and will begin approximately 5 minutes after the end of the livestream worship service. The congregational meeting will be hosted on the Zoom platform and will officially start when there is a quorum logged on. You'll be able to access the meeting on an electronic device (desktop computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, etc.) or on a phone for audio only. Watch for access information that will be included in "The Voice" next Friday or contact the church office if you wish to receive that information in advance.

A practice meeting is being offered for those who wish to greater peace of mind connecting ahead of the congregational meeting. This brief meeting on Saturday, August 15 at 11:30 a.m. will go over the main functions on your device that you'll need to operate to fully participate in the congregational meeting. Once again, watch for access information to this practice meeting that will be included in "The Voice" next Friday or contact the church office if you wish to receive that information in advance.

School Bags

Thank you to all who helped fill the 50 School Bags for Church Women United. If you still have one (or some) bring them to the church office and they will be on their way to helping children in need of basic school supplies around the world.

2020 Census

The Census Bureau is reaching out to faith communities around Ohio. They report that less than 50% of the residents in central Oxford have responded to the 2020 Census. Completing the 2020 Census helps inform the critical data that affects our voice in government, the funding in our community and how our community plans for the future.

Please talk with your family members, friends and neighbors. Encourage them to fill out the census.

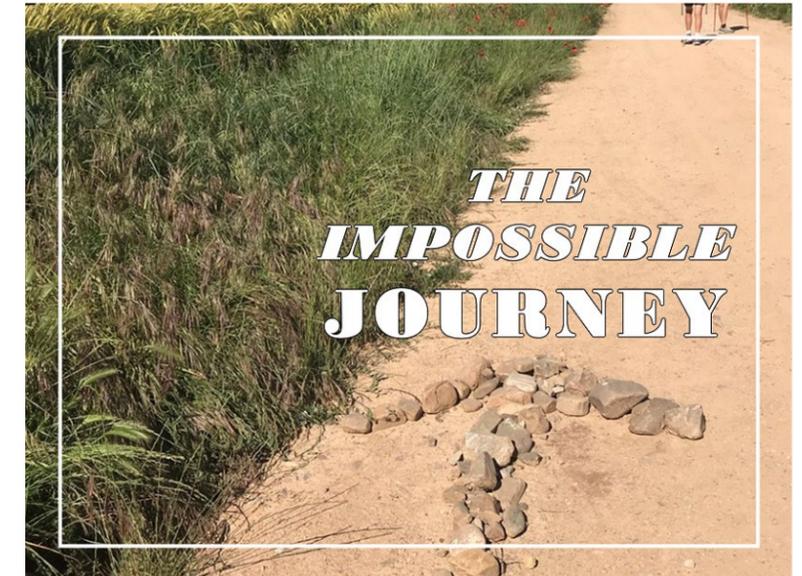
Visit www.MY2020Census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete the census or learn more.

The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to share our community's future!

Oxford Presbyterian Church
for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director
Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, August 9, 2020



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